



**Welcome!**  
**2017 Parish Vocations Conference**  
**“Cultivating the Call”**

# Prayer for Vocations

## by Pope Francis

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God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

# Introductions

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Vocations Office – Tami Brongiel & Lisa Shannon

Serra Club - George & Joanne Carr, Joe Langenderfer,

John Matyasik, Mark Allgaier, Fr. Peter Jarosz

JAVA – Sr. Peggy Quinn

Seminarian – Dcn. James Malik

Deacons - Dcn. Mick Ruddle & Dcn. Dan Aderholdt

# Vocation Ministry Video

from Rhonda Gruenewald, author of "Hundredfold"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNCO5pgvfIU&feature=youtu.be>

# Breakout Sessions

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Start-Up Groups – Peggy Olofson

Established Group – Len Buonincontro

# Goals/Duties of Vocations Ministry

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Each parish will set their own goals for the year.  
We will have ongoing formation meetings.

We will discuss ideas from book, **Hundredfold**:

- Prayer
- Promotion
- Educate & Invite
- Support
- Communication
- Resources

# Prayer

- Rosary Night
- Vocations Prayer Calendar (see insert in folder)
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations - April 22, 2018
  - Adoration Hour & Reception
  - Banner & other resources at Rhonda's website →
  - Prayer Cards at Vianney Vocations

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Parish

Established in 1964 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday to be World Day of Prayer for Vocations which is the day each year that all Catholics are asked to pray to God that he send more workers into the harvest. At the parish level, this is a perfect opportunity to bring together parishioners, young and old, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life especially before the Blessed Sacrament. This event can take many forms from a day of adoration for vocations in the chapel or a Holy Hour in the church with a reception afterwards. Advertise this day in all ways no matter if an activity is planned for this event or not as bringing awareness to the fact that we all are charged with praying for vocations is crucial.

[World Day of Prayer for Vocations Prayer Service \(PDF\)](#)

[World Day of Prayer Holy Hour \(PDF\)](#)

[World Day of Prayer for Vocations Banner \(PDF\)](#)

[Kids' Activity Page for World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

[My Adoration Prayers Journal \(PDF\)](#)

[My Adoration Prayers Journal - Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations



"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples: 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.'"

- Mt 9:37-38



Check out these amazing bulletin inserts and prayer card:

- > [Bulletin Insert- English](#)
- > [Bulletin Insert- Spanish](#)
- > [Prayer Card](#)

# Prayer

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- Serra Seminarian Cards
  - Order form and sample in folder
  - Pass them out after Mass
  - Give to classrooms & ministries, assigning each a seminarian to pray for daily (St. Walter)





# Promotion

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- Promote vocations events
  - Go to [www.vocations.com](http://www.vocations.com),  
“Register for Events” Tile  
(see events brochure in folder)
  - Copy & distribute event flyers to  
school, RE, & Youth Ministry
  - Restock flyers/brochures in  
church narthex



# Promotion

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- Display seminarian posters in narthex, school, and parish buildings
- Implement a vocations page on your parish website
- Supply parish website editor with vocations content for webpage & parish social media
- Like/Follow Vocations FB/Twitter/YouTube and share our posts on parish and personal accounts



Ryan Adorjan  
Theology 4  
Mundelein Seminary  
Parish: St. Anne, Oswego  
Birthday: May 19



Hello! My name is Ryan Adorjan, I am 24 years old and my home parish is St. Anne in Oswego. I have wanted to be a priest since I was seven years old. I would play church at home with family and friends, using Oreos as the Eucharist. While it was fun, subconsciously this always felt like it was more than just a game. The call died down for a few years until my junior year of high school when it came back and I felt the Lord asking and calling me to follow Him. It was around this time that I started receiving letters and information from the Diocesan vocation director, Fr. Burke Masters, inviting me to discernment groups and other events. This might seem normal...except that to this day I have no idea when I was put on that list or who did it. Being the cool high schooler I had become, that was simply not going to happen so I decided to attend North Central College in Naperville to pursue my (other) dream of being a high school English teacher. I believe my involvement at Ss. Peter and Paul was God's way of getting His call through to me once more. I knew it was time to act when, while serving Midnight Mass at Peter and Paul at Christmas of 2010, I distinctly heard a voice softly say, "Ryan!" in a tone that was like "Hey you! Wake up!" Mass continued and then I heard it again, this time beckoning me. "Ryan..." The Lord Jesus woke me up and then gently said "Come, Follow Me." This experience pushed me over the edge and, with the support of my family, I contacted Fr. Burke and began attending the discernment meetings. Time went on and the call of Lord Jesus continued to get louder and louder and I knew it was time to take action. At the

# Promotion

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## Promote Seminarians Stories

- "Meet a Seminarian" on website or in bulletin, use bios from our website (in process of being updated)
- Share seminarian/Fr. Burke videos from our YouTube channel regularly on your website – vocation stories, fun, baseball, seminaries, etc.

# Educate & Invite

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- Be able to discuss basics of the discernment/application/formation process with interested parishioners
  - Priesthood - Go to [www.vocations.com](http://www.vocations.com), “Discernment & Application Process” Tile
  - 3 Seminaries: St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul, MN, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH, and Mundelein Seminary
  - Years in seminary

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- Diaconate – Go to [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/diaconate](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/diaconate)  
Dcn. Mick Ruddle & Dcn. Dan Aderholdt to present

## Formation Process:

- A thought? A feeling? A 'voice'? Now what?
  - How I approached discernment initially
  - Being single, who do you talk too initially?
  - The application process
- Discerning through formation
  - Sacrifice vs. Investment
- Continued discernment
  - Lord, where can I help?

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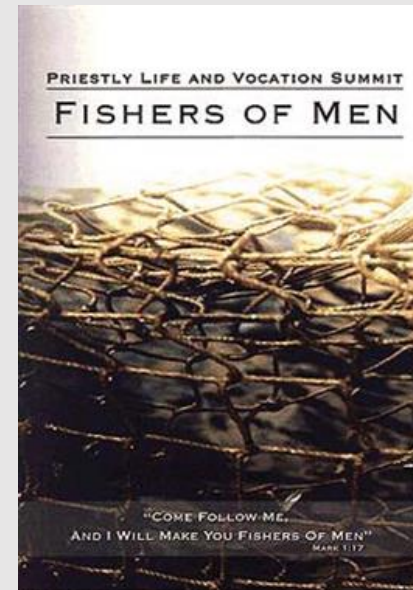
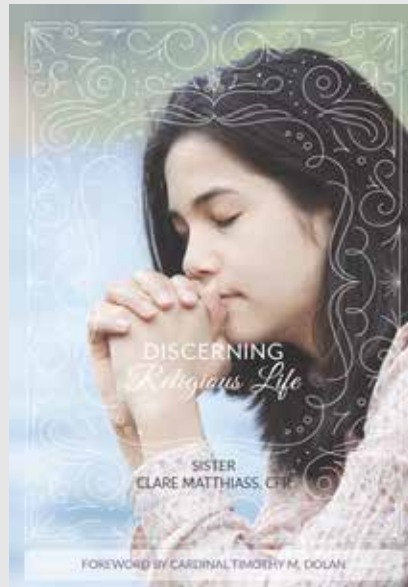
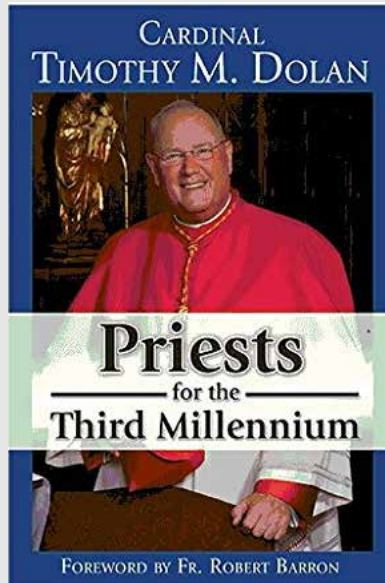
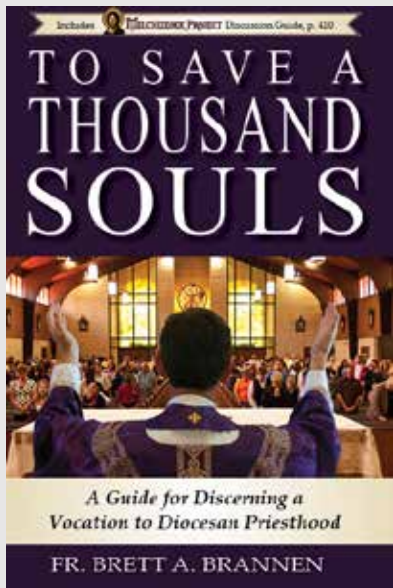
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- Religious Sisters – Go to [www.vocations.com](http://www.vocations.com), “JAVA” tile  
Sr. Peggy Quinn to present
  - History & legacy of religious sisters in the U.S.
  - [Trailer](#) of “Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America”  
movie you can show as an event
  - <https://vimeo.com/72112238>

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- Stock Vocations Library of Books/DVDs – Vianney Vocations

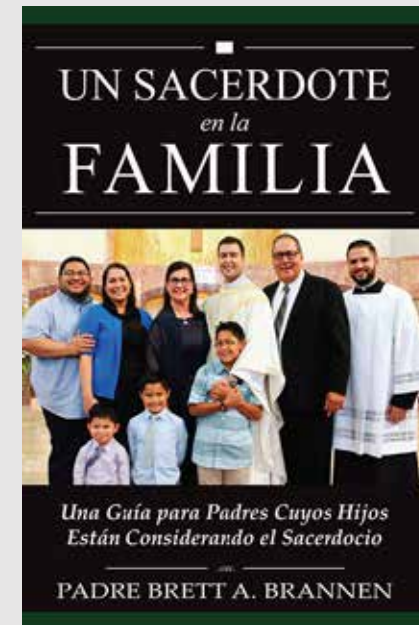
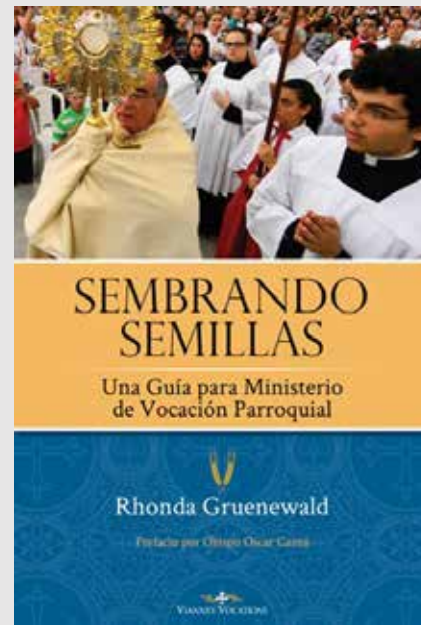
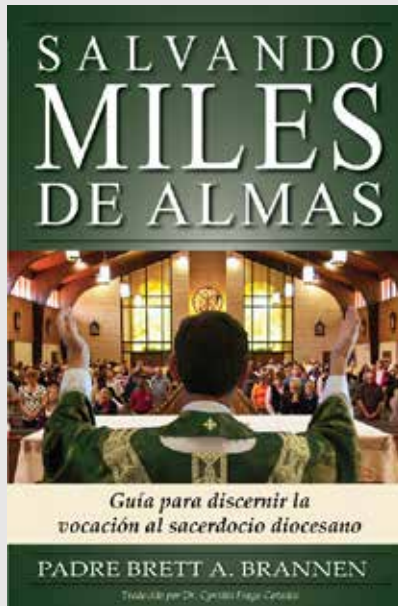




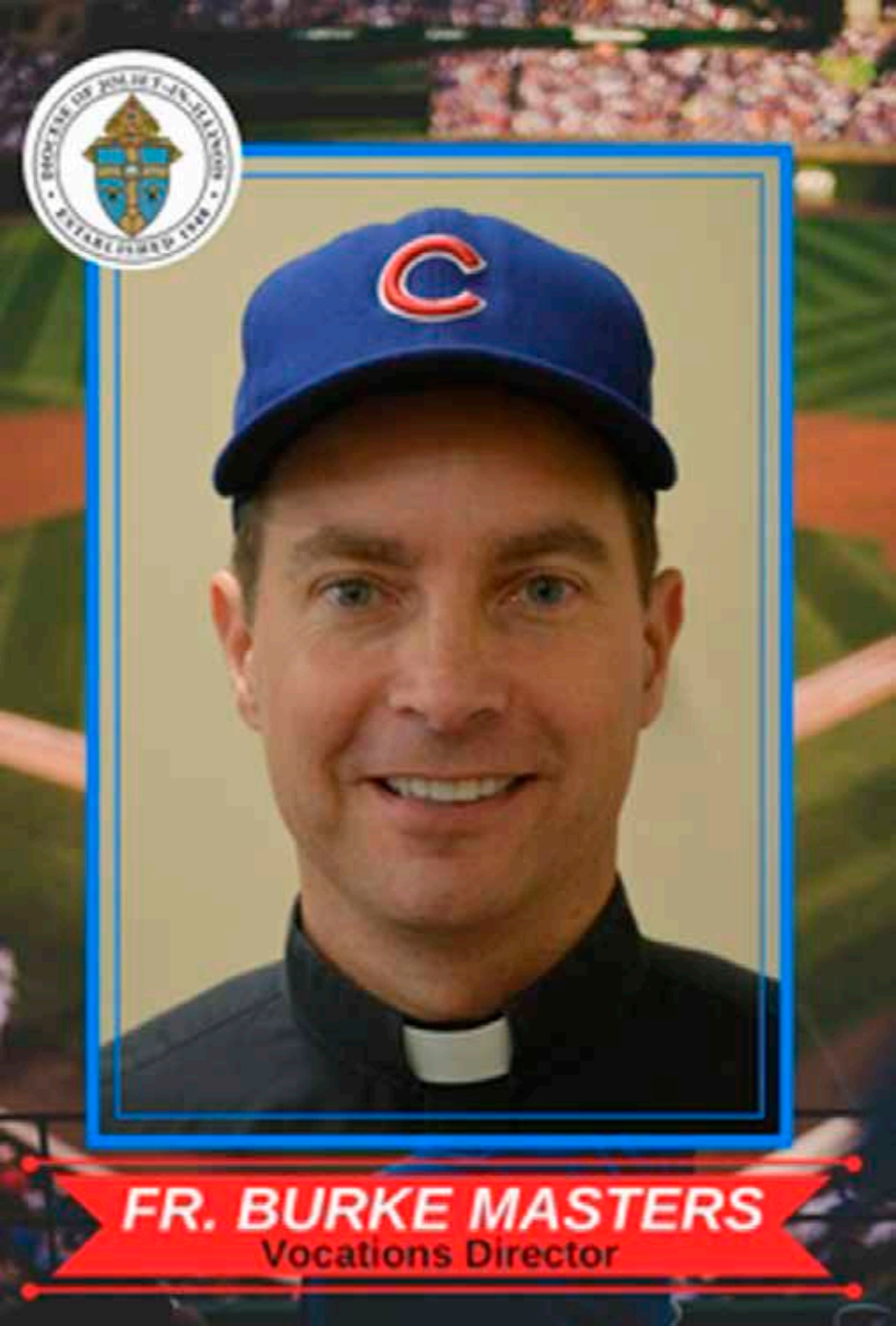
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- Include Hispanic versions of books
- Invite Hispanic parishioners to join your team
- Follow up meetings at BCC will include Hispanic Ministry for Q&A







# Invite

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- Hand out Fr. Burke Cards to young men and tell them, "I think you'd make a good priest"!
- Give out YOLO-Be HOLY brochure (in packet)
- Add youth/young adult/vocations parish events to our shared Google calendar for priests, religious, sisters, and clergy to attend

# Support

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Support for our 43 Seminarians

- Car donations – see Len Buonincontro
- Gift cards year-round from Walmart, Target, Gas, etc.
- Holiday baskets or Giving Tree tags
- Winter boots/coats/gloves/hats for new foreign-born seminarians

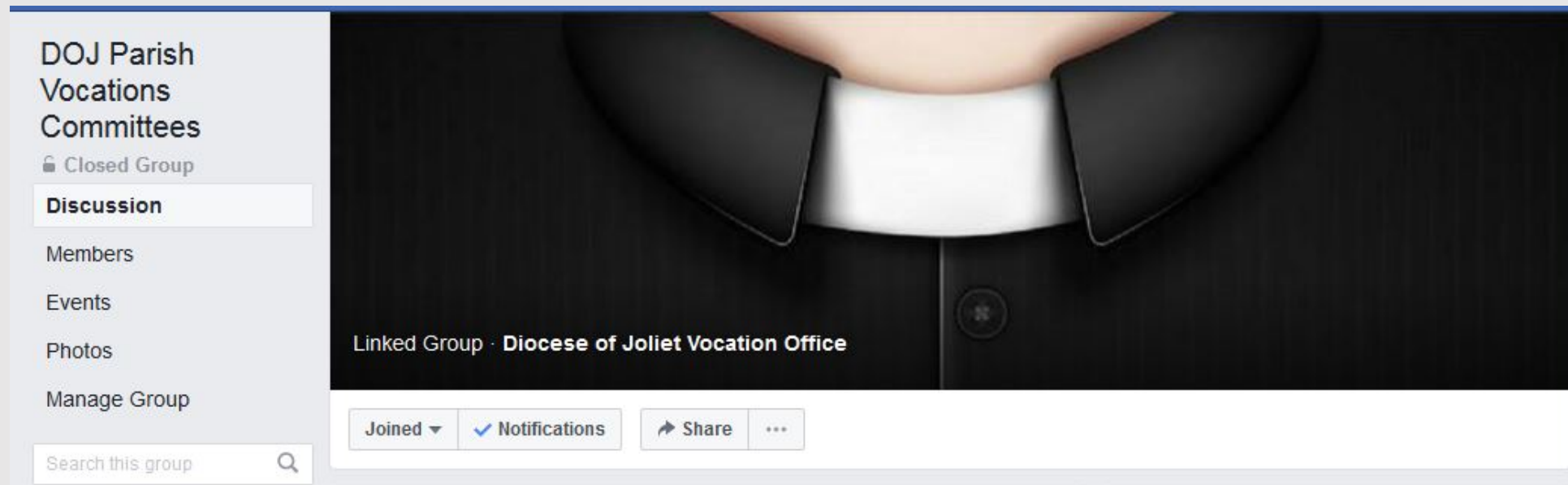


# Communication

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## Join PVC Closed Facebook Group

- At least one member of your ministry
- Vocation office can notify PVCs of new events, meeting dates, etc.
- PVCs can share ideas with each other, post photos



# Resources

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So many!

- Serra Club - [www.serraspark.org](http://www.serraspark.org)
- Vocation Ministry – [www.vocationministry.com](http://www.vocationministry.com)
- Vianney Vocations – see catalogue in folder to order or go to [www.vianneyvocations.com](http://www.vianneyvocations.com)

# Next Steps

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1. Schedule your next team meeting.  
(see sample agenda in folder)
  2. Join our Facebook Group, you will be receiving an email.
  3. We will be sending you dates for future meetings.
  4. Keep in touch! Share good news in FB Group!
- Contact Lisa Shannon with questions, 815-221-6141,  
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